

BRITISH FIELD ARMY INCREASED

War Observer Says England
Is Rapidly Enlarging Her
Forces on Firing Line.

London, Eng., Jan. 8.—The new year has opened upon a more favorable situation for the allies than any they have known since the commencement of the campaign, says a report made by a military observer attached to the British army headquarters at the front. The report, made public by the official information bureau, is dated Jan. 8, and supplements similar narratives given out in intervals during the progress of the war.

"So far as the British are concerned," says the report, "the small expeditionary force of four divisions which took the field in August has now been swelled into a great army which is steadily increasing in numbers, has become taunted to war, and can look back on a record of hard fighting since the British troops seldom have sustained in the past. The struggle of the last four months has entered upon its fourth phase."

Allies Now On Offensive.
"A slow but none the less marked change which has taken place has resulted in the definite passing of the initiative into the hands of the allies. This is not shown so much by material results obtained, although at some points of the allied front ground has been gained and in some places even marked progress has been made, resulting in the capture of guns and strongly entrenched positions. But our advantage lies in the fact that it is now the allies who for the past few weeks have assumed and maintained the offensive, while the foe has been acting on the defensive. The fact that the enemy is acting on the defensive does not mean that he has given up attacking altogether, but his attacks have been in the nature of counter attacks undertaken either in order to regain ground previously lost or to relieve pressure on some other part of the German line."

Marked Progress Made.
"It is only by examining the total results of these attacks by both sides that a clear idea can be obtained. Really marked progress has been achieved by the allies."

"The German defensive is an active one. It is founded on the axiom of war that the weaker the force is and the more heavily it is pressed the more persistently should it attack. But it remains true that such action is now the less essentially defensive even though here and there one of their counter attacks may succeed in regaining possession of a trench or in driving back a small section of our front."

German Must Lose Confidence.
"If we retain the initiative it will mean that the German soldier gradually will become increasingly conscious that he is no longer marching on Calais or Paris, but instead of pressing forward his role is merely to maintain what already has been won, and that even this limited object has not been attained."

GERMAN HORDES ATTACK WARSAW

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trenches and destroyed his breastworks.

"In the Argonne to the west of Haute Chavanne, the enemy, by means of a mine, blew up some of our first line of trenches, which were completely demolished. A violent attack undertaken at once by the enemy on our positions was repulsed with the bayonet. We took some prisoners and we maintained our front except for a distance of 50 yards. Here the demolition of the trenches obliged us to establish our line 20 yards farther back."

"On the heights of the Meuse and between the Meuse and the Moselle, there is nothing to report. It is the wind blew a tempest all day long Jan. 7."

"Our offensive continued Thursday in the region of Thann and near Altkirch and brought about the following results: We reoccupied the trenches on the eastern flank of 'Hill 425,' a position where the enemy two days ago succeeded in reestablishing his front. We then gained some ground to the east of these trenches. Farther to the south we occupied Burnhaupt-le-Haut, and at the same time we made progress in the direction of Pont-d'Auxance and the Kharlberg."

"The artillery of the enemy, which had endeavored without success to reach our batteries, gave up shooting at our artillery in favor of the exclusive bombardment of the hospital at Thann, which has been evacuated."

German Gains in Argonne.
In the official statement issued at Berlin today the Germans announce they have made further gains in the Argonne forest in France and that attempts of the French to advance in the vicinity of Reims and in the Vosges mountains have been repulsed. The statement adds that fighting is still in progress for the Alsatian village of Oberbrunnhaupt."

"In Russian Poland where unfavorable weather is interfering with military operations, the Germans report the capture of 1,600 prisoners."

"The command situation follows:
"In the western theater of the war, the continued rains swamped the ground in Flanders more and more, and our operations in consequence are much hindered."

French Driven Back.
"To the east of Reims the French attempted during the night to take one of our outer trenches, but were driven back into their own positions by a counter attack, losing 25 prisoners."

"In the center and in the eastern part of the Argonne we made further progress."

Repeated Attacks Repulsed.
"A night attack by the French against our positions on the Buchenkopf south of Dieulouhaufen, in the Vosges, was repulsed. Repeated French attacks on a height to the west of Reimsheim, (Germany) broken down under our artillery fire. We took a number of prisoners and more than 100 men as prisoners. Fighting still is going on for the village of Oberbrunnhaupt, (Burnhaupt-le-Haut) to the south of Reimsheim."

"Unfavorable weather also is being experienced in the eastern theater of the war.
"On the east Prussian frontier and in northern Poland the situation remains unchanged."

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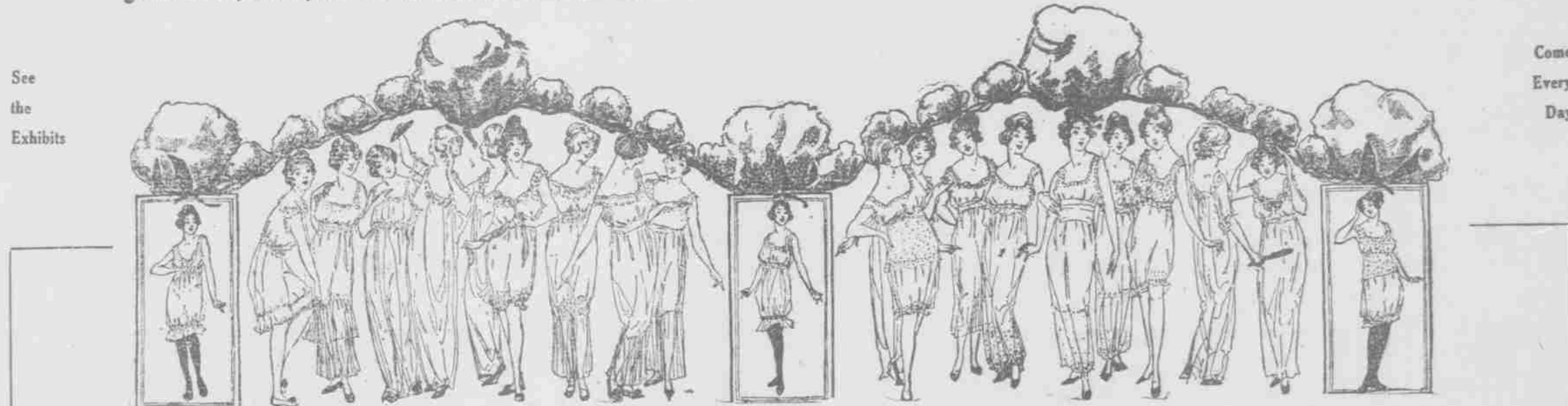
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GERMANS SAVAGE, FRENCH REPORT

Commission Says Enemy Has
Acted Barbarously Against
French Villagers.

Paris, France, Jan. 8.—The commission appointed September 22 to inquire into accusations that German officers had acted "savagely and inhumanely" against French civilians and soldiers, says in its report made public today by the French cabinet:
"We must conclude that there never has been a war between civilized nations of so savage and ferocious a character as that waged upon our soil by our implacable adversary. Pillage, ravaging, burning and murder are ordinary practices of our enemies, and facts collected in many cases prove that the German claims that the killing of civilians was due to the firing of the population are unfounded."
"Pillaged Materials for Burning."
"We found proof of the existence in the German army not only of a systematic plan for burning villages, but the possession of elaborate material for this purpose, including torches, grenades, fuses, oil sprayers, sticks of inflammable matter and sacks of tablets composed of very inflammable compressed powder."
The commission affirms that it has distinguished carefully between fires caused by bombardments and those said to have been set by hand when no fighting was in progress. It is stated that the object was to intimidate the population, thus spreading terror and panic ahead of the invaders.
"Acts against women and girls were so frequent that the number of cases established was only a part of those which might have been investigated," the commission says. "The victims of these odious acts generally refused to testify, because it would compromise their future."
The cabinet has been withholding the report of the commission, because it is said it did not desire to further excite public feeling. It was only upon the demands of George Clemenceau, the former premier, and others that the cabinet decided to make public the report.

CLAIMS BELGIUM IS UNCONQUERED

Cardinal Mercier Tells His
Countrymen They Are Not
in German Province.

London, Eng., Jan. 8.—The much discussed paragraph of the pastoral letter of cardinal Mercier, which The Netherlands newspaper Tjds said had been responsible for his arrest at the hands of the German military authorities, have been published in pamphlet form in London. They are as follows:
"I consider it an obligation of my pastoral charge to define your duties of conscience toward the power which has invaded our soil and which at this moment occupies a greater part of it. That power has no authority in law. In the sanctuary of your soul you owe it neither esteem, nor attachment nor obedience. The sole legal power in Belgium is that which is derived from our king, our government and the representatives of the nation. This alone represents authority; this alone has a right to the allegiance of our hearts and to our submission."
"Of themselves the acts of those in occupation are without force, but the legal authority ratifies tacitly those acts which are justified in the general interest and from this ratification alone they derive all their judicial worth."
Provinces Not Conquered.
"The occupied provinces of Belgium are not conquered provinces. Belgium is no more a German province than Galicia is a Russian province. Nevertheless the occupied part of our country is confronted by a situation to which it must submit. The greater number of our towns have been handed over to the enemy. They must respect the conditions of their surrender."
Should Obey Regulations.
"From the beginning of military operations the civil authorities insistently recommended that private persons abstain from acts of hostility against the enemy. The recommendations are still in force. Our army alone is charged with the duty of our national defense. Let us know how to await at its hands the final deliverance. Let us comfort ourselves as the general interest demands. Let us respect the regulations they (the Germans) impose on us so long as they do not attack our liberty of Christian conscience or the dignity of our patriotism."
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